last two years are as under:

(Rs. in Crore)

	2003-04		2004-05	
Head	Allocation	Expenditure	Allocation	Expenditure
Development	110.51	110.51	90.00	89.91
Maintenance	37.42	37.42	33.44	20.99

National Highways in Orissa and Himachal Pradesh

†3827. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:
SHRI SURENDRA LATH:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total length of National Highways in Orissa and Himachal Pradesh;

(b) the stretch of National Highways under construction out of the same alongwith the stretch where construction work have completed;

(c) the amount'sanctioned for the development of National Highways alongwith the amount released for the same during the last five years;

(d) the number of such proposals of both the States pending with Government, so far; and

(e) the latest status thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) The total length of National Highways in Orissa and Himachal Pradesh is 3603 km and 1208 km respectively.

(b) and (c) During the last five years various development works amounting to Rs. 2998.94 crore & Rs. 164.42 crore covering lengths of 1708.60 km & 628.00 km of National Highways in the States of Orissa & Himachal Pradesh respectively have been sanctioned. These works have been completed in 1066.30 km & 542.00 km length and are in progress in the balance 642.30 km & 86.00 km length respectively in the States of Orissa & Himachal Pradesh. Amount of expenditure incurred on these works during

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

the last five years in the States of Orissa & Himachal Pradesh is Rs. 1586.87 crore & Rs. 223.15 crore respectively;

(d) No proposal of both the States is pending with Government.

(e) Does not arise.

Demand for more Ports

3828. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANS PORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1056 given in the Rajya Sabha on 10th March, 2005 and to state:

(a) whether the industry has also requested for increasing the number of ports to avoid port congestion, etc; and

(b) if so, the present status of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) Requests have been received from the industry from time to time for development and modernization of the port infrastructure including augmentation of port facilities in the country. Development of port infrastructure is an on-going process. However, there is no proposal under consideration to increase the number of major ports. Responsibility for development of ports other than major ports vests with the State Governments.

Investment in National Highways Development Programme

3829. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to invest one lakh crore of rupees on National Highways Development Programmes;

(b) if so, the programme included in this project; and

(c) the details of the project undertaken as on date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) The Committee on Infrastructure, set up by the Government, has considered a presentation made by the Planning Commission involving programmes with a total investment of Rs. 1,72,000 crore for upgradation of National Highways in the next seven years (2005—2012).